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**From:** Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/3/2018 9:14:18 PM  
**To:** Stepp, Cathy [stepp.cathy@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Thiede, Kurt [thiede.kurt@epa.gov]; Payne, James [payne.james@epa.gov]; Newton, Cheryl [Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov]; Harris, Michael [harris.michael@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Brownstown, MI question

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shipments of hazardous, electronic and other wastes to Canada, thus further straining our domestic landfills. EPA recently estimated that over 32 million tons of electronic waste is disposed of annually in landfills.

Finally, federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, have consistently struck down efforts of one state to entirely ban another state's waste as being in violation of the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause (see

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From: Kelley, Jeff

Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 12:57 PM

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Cathy Stepp  
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Chicago, IL

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Date:** July 3, 2018 at 12:01:34 PM CDT  
**To:** "Stepp, Cathy" <stepp.cathy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Brownstown, MI question

Hi Cathy,

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**K. Preston Cory**  
Director of Intergovernmental Relations  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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I wanted to thank you for taking the time to meet with the National Association of Townships and Towns at our Whitehouse and DC gathering on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. As a Township Supervisor in Brownstown, MI, I have had the pleasure of working with your local office in Grosse Ile, MI. As I stated at the White House meeting, our biggest concern and issue is the announcement of the future closure of that local office of the EPA. I have attached a Resolution our Board of Trustees passed asking your office to reconsider the closure.

As a Township we are concerned to any 'knee jerk' reaction to discoveries of lead and copper in our water supplies. We want to comply with the law, and maintain safe levels, but we cannot afford to have unfunded mandates of extremely low levels of lead and copper without ways (funding) to eradicate it.

Also, a very concerning issue for Southeast Michigan, is our municipal and private landfills contracting with Canadian refuse haulers and allowing the dumping of their trash not just in our Country, but our landfills we use for our residents, which eventually will cause the increase of our municipalities tipping fees. Residents are concerned that when they visit Canada, they are stopped at the border and asked if plant, vegetation, or other harmful items are being transported with them, yet, at the same time thousands of pounds of refuse with

the same contaminants are being imported across the border into our State's landfills.

In closing, I thank you again for meeting with us, and I look forward to hearing from you about my Township's concerns.

**Andrew Linko**

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